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**An Emerging “American” Identity?**

**Introduction**: Last week we looked at how the economic relationship between Britain and its colonies developed and changed during the 17th and (first half of the) 18th centuries. Today, consider the cultural changes that were taking place in the colonies in this same era as they are posed in the essay question below. Use the AP-level textbooks (*A People & A Nation* and the random ones on the bright green bookcase), the internet sites linked to the class wikispace, and your homework reading notes to complete the chart. Then develop a thesis statement that would answer the essay question based on the inferences you draw in the chart.

**Potential essay question**:

*As the British North American colonies developed during the first half of the eighteenth century, how did they at once retain identity as Britons and as Americans? Explain how the colonists at once retained British cultural traits and developed new ones.*

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| **Event/Development** | **Relevant details** (brief, just enough to give you talking points for an essay) | **Inference** (conclusion based on fact that would help you answer the essay question) |
| Population growth   * Immigration from Europe |  |  |
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